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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN AQUILA CASE

Jefferson City (July 10, 2003)---Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks-MPS and Aquila Networks-L&P (Aquila) has filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to join the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (MISO). Aquila has indicated that it has filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to transfer operational control over certain designated transmission facilities to the MISO pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act.

Aquila is seeking a Commission order that, among other things: 1) authorizes Aquila to perform in accordance with the terms of the agreement contained in the FERC application; and 2) acknowledges that the Commission will consider all of the FERC-approved administrative fees that Aquila is assessed and all costs that Aquila incurs from the MISO to make prudent purchases of capacity and/or energy to serve its bundled retail load under the agreement to be prudently incurred expenses that will be included by the Commission in the cost of service for ratemaking purposes for bundled retail customers in Aquila's next general rate case.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed on or before July 14, 2003, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: Dean L. Cooper, Esq., Brydon, Swearingen & England, P.C., 312 East Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in matters before the Missouri Public Service Commission.

The Midwest Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO) is one of several regional transmission organizations (RTOs) authorized in recent years under Federal Energy Regulatory Commission policy. In general, RTOs are intended to manage the day-to-day and long-term operations of the transmission systems of a group of electric utilities.

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